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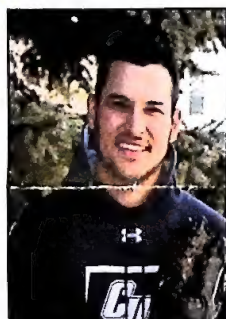
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Play explores the limits of forgiveness

Joe Arms
Staff Writer

On October 2, 2006, a mass murder took place. A lone gunman, Charles Carl Roberts IV, took over an Amish one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania. The shooter shot ten schoolgirls, killing five, before turning the gun on himself. Despite the tragedy of this event, forgiveness was the response.

This weekend Clarke University is putting on a production of "The Amish Project," which is based on the events that occurred that day and the state of the community afterwards.

"One of the intriguing facets of the play is its focus on the Amish community and how, as a given part of their culture, they could immediately forgive a horrible act," said Joe Klinebriel, Clarke drama professor and director of "The Amish Project."

The play follows the perspectives of seven fictional characters whose lives have all been touched in different ways by the tragedy.

Clarke senior Reid Johannsen

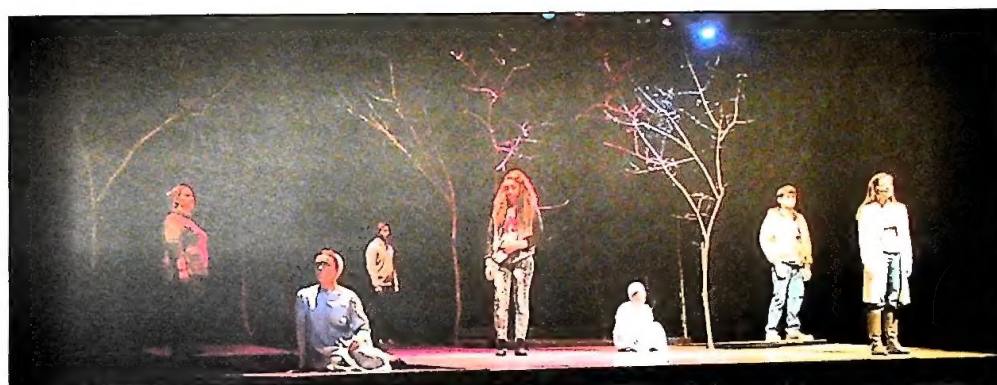


Photo: Joe Arms

The cast of "The Amish Project" stands at the ready. From left to right: Brenna Burgart, Molly Plumley, Evan Heil, Fernanda Carrasco, Lily Rottinghaus, Reid Johannsen, and Mary Zanger.

plays Eddie, the man who did the school shootings. "This has been one of the most challenging and rewarding roles I have ever taken on," said Johannsen.

Forgiveness is a difficult path to choose after such an evil act. Klinebriel notes that the fact that the Amish community was able to move past hate is admirable:

"We all may wrestle with the idea of forgiveness in our own lives, to a greater or lesser extent, and this play allows the audience

to take that journey with these characters," he says.

This play will touch on the challenges faced when attempting forgiveness, insights about the culture of the Amish, and the strength of community.

"Students will most likely be profoundly moved by the poetic interweaving of this separate perspectives of this tragic event," Klinebriel said.

Lily Rottinghaus, a sophomore at Clarke, plays Velda, a 6-year-old Amish girl who was

a victim of the shooting and the youngest character in the production.

Although there are seven characters in the production, each actor portrays a unique perspective that allows audience members a deeper connection to the events.

"The audience will realize that there is much more to the Nickel Mines shooting than what the news shows us," said Rottinghaus.

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Beer, Belgium & Bryan Zygmunt: A True Life Story

Joe Arms
Staff Writer

Bryan Zygmunt, Clarke associate professor of art history, seems to be a regular feature in recent "Courier" issues. The man's been doing a lot the last few years. He's married Anna Kelley, an English professor at Clarke, taught as a Fulbright Scholar in Poland, had a child (featured in the "Courier") and just spent his winter vacation gallivanting in Belgium.

While in Belgium, Bryan collected over 50 beer bottle labels. This may seem like a strange bit of trivia, but it's something that he's been working on for awhile now. If you visit his office on the top floor of Eliza Kelly, you will see a framed collage of beer labels he collected during his time in Poland.

If you ask Bryan about these collections, you'll discover that he can tell you everything there is to know about the brand behind each label. He may also comment upon different types of beers and which ones are most popular in which countries.

Of all the different types of beers in all the different types of countries, a Belgium ale is what Bryan prefers. However, he does venture beyond this and treats him-

self to other types. I asked Bryan what was the best brew he has made. He told me that was a difficult question to answer, but he did say he could tell me his worst tasting beer:

"I did not enjoy my jalapeno ale. I found it undrinkable. However, I do use it for cooking."

If you keep probing, Bryan will teach you what ingredients make up certain beers, the perfect length of time for boiling the brew, when to add more hops, and (most importantly) how much alcohol will be in the end product.

Before you know it, you've already created a budget, planned where your operation will be located, visualized your future brew (to the point that you can now taste it on the tip of your tongue), and have begged Bryan to create a college program that will allow you to take brewing science as a minor.

Strangely enough, a student here at Clarke pushed Bryan into this new hobby. In the fall of 2011 the student, approached Bryan with the request that he

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Bryan Zygmunt, brew master, proudly stands next to a kegerator in his base of operations, his home basement.

Alum pushes child advocacy laws

Jenica Rubner
Staff Writer

Clarke alum Billie Larkin's mission since she left Clarke has been helping kids in some way. "Kids are important to us, and we're trying to fix a broken system," she says.

Larkin spoke February 10th in Jansen Music Hall as part of this year's Mackin-Mailander lecture series. She discussed her goal of passing legislature to ensure the safety of children.

A Clarke graduate, Larkin received her degree in social work in 1970. She did not start working at an advocacy center in Illinois until 1995 where she talked to abused children at a center.

"It was the hardest, best time of my life," said Larkin of her work at the center. Over ten years later in 2007, she became the director of the advocacy center. This job brought new challenges as she found that financial troubles were common.

Determined to change this,



Larkin set out to pass legislature to help with funding which was a new experience altogether, but has now become what she her main focus.

"Now I talk to legislators, and that's not nearly as fun as talking to kids," said Larkin.

Larkin has officially helped pass two laws: One in 2007 that would allow money from fees and fines involved in criminal charges to go to advocacy centers; the other, in 2013, called "Erin's Law" requires education about child abuse from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Larkin said she has also organized many fundraisers which always seemed to involve walking. A group from advocacy centers got together and did several walks and bike rides across Illinois to raise money and awareness of child abuse. In the first walk alone, they made \$150,000.

Larkin's current mission is working with legislatures on a plan that would fix what she calls the broken system of child welfare in Illinois. She stressed that she encourages everyone to remember that they are just as responsible for raising awareness about child abuse.

Reactions from the students who listened to her speech were positive. "I thought it was a good call to action because these issues get swept under the rug," said Abby Funke, sophomore education and English major.

Obama works toward free community colleges

Jenica Rubner
Staff Writer

The thought of free college tuition seems like just a crazy dream to many prospective college students. However, it may become reality.

President Barack Obama has proposed a new bill that would make community college free. Any student

who would take advantage of this offer must be at least a half-time student and maintain a 2.5 grade point average through the two years according to "USA Today."

The bill's purpose is to encourage more students to go to college, especially those who may otherwise be unable to for financial reasons.

According to an article released by the Associated Press, this plan could save students an average of \$3,800 and help 9 million students over a period of 10 years. Ultimately, the goal is to have more students with college degrees to stay competitive in the global market.

Obama's plan would also mean that all credits rewarded at a community college are required to be transferable to a

four year college. Currently, many credits do not transfer

when those who opt to attend community college head to a four year school.

States are expected to pay 25 percent of the tab, but the rest falls on the national government. It is estimated that over a

10-year span the national government would pay 60 million dollars.

For all the good this plan provides, there is still opposition. The bill has not entered Congress yet, and both the House and the Senate have shown little approval for Obama's ideas.

Clarke students have shown their approval, but understand the difficulty in implementing such an endeavor.

"I think it's a really good idea, but it's going to be a lot of work," said Marisol Castillo, junior psychology major.

Others appreciate the political aspect, citing that the need for education is an important one.

"Education is a good investment, and we should be investing in it," said Patrick Deeny, senior biology major.

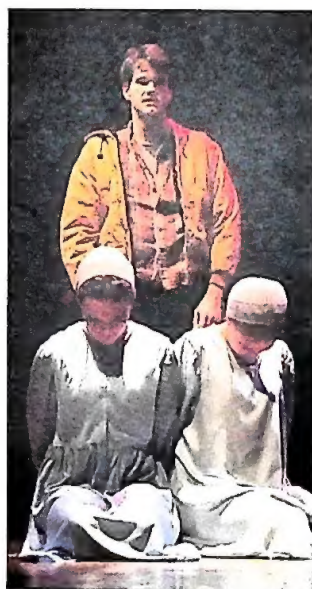


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Play Preview

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"The Amish Project" was written by Jessica Dickey and was first performed in 2008 at the New York International Fringe Festival.

The play opens at Clarke on Thursday, February 26 and will be performed on the 27th and 28th at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 1st at 2 p.m.

Admission to the play is free for Clarke students, \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for non-Clarke students.

Ready to break up? Here are some guidelines

Jayson Hinrichsen
Staff Writer

College is a time when you live on your own and you can do whatever you feel like. Then there comes the part where boy meets girl, they become friends, and even date. Here are a couple question and answers that might help you manage your love life.

Question 1) What should I do if my BF/GF breaks up with me?

Answer: Do not try to contact them. They broke the relationship off for a reason. Ignoring them works best.

Question 2) What's the best way to break up with my BF/GF?

Answer: Text message, email, or a phone call. Doing it this way will make it less awkward, and less painful than meeting in person.

Question 3) What should I do if I like my best friend's BF/GF?

Answer: Keep it to yourself, and no touching.

Question 4) What is the best way to ask someone on a date?

Answer: Do it in person so the person feels obligated to say yes, because a "no" would be too awkward.

Question 5) How do I find the right partner?

Answer: Tinder.

Question 6) Why can't I just meet someone in person on campus or in Dubuque?

Answer: You can, you just need to tell your friends to hook you up.

Question 7) What should I do if I feel my partner is getting too serious too soon?

Answer: Dump them immediately.

Question 8) What can I do on such a small campus if I keep running into my ex or my BF/GF's ex?

Beer & Bryan Zygmunt

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be the faculty advisor of a potential campus brewery club. Bryan agreed. Unfortunately, the club didn't come to fruition, leaving Clarke without a program that teaches students the responsibilities of creating a product of their own.

This setback didn't prevent Bryan from exploring the hobby himself, and he now brews beer all year long. He has learned some valuable lessons from this newfound passion: "You don't abuse something you wait a month to drink," he says, referring to the length of time making beer takes from creation to ingestion.

After sitting down with him, it becomes evident that Bryan is a man who has acquired a wide range of skills (that help make fantastic beers), knowledge (of art) and a great deal of luck (his wife). The most impressive quality about him, though, is his generosity. He'll teach you how to acquire skills of your own. He'll impart knowledge of the world. Most importantly, however, if you are of age, he'll share one of his newly made beers with you.

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SPORTS PLUS

Student finds big city life not the answer

Lynne Chapman
Contributor

Adjusting from a metropolitan lifestyle to the serenity of Midwest life can be a challenge. But after experiencing life in the big city, Clarke TimeSaver student Rachel Schut has discovered that some of life's greatest opportunities and rewards are found here at home.

Rachel, a native of Solon, Iowa, once longed to break free of the mundane Midwest. When her aunt offered her a place to live in 2006, she moved to San Francisco where she found her freedom and began to study Spanish at City College. Realizing after a short time that she needed a break from classes, Rachel worked for a tour company in California's wine country and as a receptionist at hair and massage salons.

She formed friendships with several "social butterflies" in San Francisco. Together they frequented bars or clubs and attended promotional and social events.

Smiling, she added, "These were a little different from Five Flags events."

Although her social life blossomed, big city life was not



Finding a Home: Clarke TimeSaver communication major Rachel Schut with her family, from left, Riot Santiago, Frank Santiago and Adalind Santiago.

what Rachel had expected.

"I lived in a nasty part of San Francisco," she said. She recalled arriving home to find police tape wrapped around her building, and once reported a man sitting on her fire escape and often observed "bloody crime scenes."

"I once saw a city bus shot

up a half a block away from where I lived," she added.

The salon where Rachel had been working was forced to close in 2008, becoming the second job she had lost due to the American economic crash. Then Rachel's grandmother in Iowa passed away, causing her to realize

she was missing out on valuable time with her family.

She moved back to the Midwest, settling in Dubuque, a halfway point between her family members. The economy meant Dubuque jobs were scarce. Rachel eventually took a job at McDonald's, where she advanced to the position of assistant manager.

Three years later, a job opened up at DuTrac Community Credit Union and Rachel became a bank teller. "It's one of the best jobs I've ever had," she says, noting that she enjoys the camaraderie among her coworkers.

Still, Rachel never intended to stay in Dubuque, and saw it only as "a pit stop on her way to the next place." But then she met her fiancé, Frank Santiago. The couple is planning an October, 2016 wedding. Santiago and his 3 1/2-year-old son, Riot, are from Chicago. Rachel and Santiago have a one-year-old daughter, Adalind.

Rachel says she sometimes misses the night life and her friends in the big city, but Dubuque gives her small reminders of her time in

San Francisco. While there are no ocean waves to gaze at, and few sandy beaches, the currents of the Mississippi evoke distant West Coast memories for Rachel.

The bridge leading to East Dubuque mimics one of Rachel's favorite memories of San Francisco — the Golden Gate Bridge.

She also recalls watching the fog roll in, "painting the most beautiful picture" by creating an iridescent wall to reflect the sunset.

To Rachel the rolling hills of Dubuque are reminiscent of San Francisco's wine country. The hills are also a reminder of the roller coaster journey of ups and downs her life has taken thus far.

As our conversation ended, Rachel showed off recent photos of her daughter dressed in a pink and purple tutu with Adalind's name sparkling in letters beneath her dimpled chin.

Rachel's proud grin also sparkled as she said, "I would like to be a stay-at-home mom." Perhaps one day this will be Rachel's greatest adventure.

Senior outfielder reveals high hopes for final season

Michael Francis
Staff Writer

Baseball season is under way and the team has high hopes for its upcoming season. It has completed the opening weeks of conditioning and lifting, now practice has officially started. The Crusaders face a long 50-game schedule, and senior outfielder Anthony Razo said the seniors will lead the way.

Anthony began playing baseball at a young age and has always had a deep love for the game. The hard work hasn't stopped over the years, and he continues to improve himself and get better each day.

"I knew I wanted to have a long baseball career from an early age, and I am blessed to have accomplished so much in the sport I love," he said.

Anthony is a sports management major who has played on the Clarke University baseball team for the past three seasons.

"During my years at Clarke the team has practiced harder and with more energy and ef-



Photo: Michael Francis

fort each year," said Anthony, who added that the biggest challenge athletes face is how to deal with failure.

"It's how you bounce back after facing failure that describes the player or team you are he explained. Not only picking yourself up and holding your head high but also making sure team morality and confidence stays positive," he explains.

Anthony says there is a lot for fans to look forward to this

season from Clarke's baseball team, which has developed a new brand of baseball that involves lots of runs and hard work.

"Our team chemistry this year is like no other; fans can expect a new brand of Clarke baseball that's going to be more aggressive and disciplined as a whole," he notes.

No athlete likes to focus on the end of his or her career; this is no different for Anthony who has some goals he hopes to accomplish by the end of the season.

One of the goals he is aiming toward is being mentioned as an All-Conference player for the second straight year.

As for what he will miss about playing baseball when he graduates in May, Anthony says it is traveling with his teammates.

"The bus trips with the guys and time spent together is what I love and will miss the most," he said.



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On the Street

Jayson Hinrichsen
Staff Writer



Jenny
Schlueter



Michael
Poteet



Eddie
Lyon



Christian
Bramble

Do you feel more students will stay on campus on weekends when Clarke gets a football team?

I feel that more students will stay on campus because at bigger colleges football is a main attraction so students stay on campus to see the games.

I think students will stay on campus more during the weekends to attend the football games just like at the University of Iowa.

Yes, football will bring in more students and more activities.

Football will keep more kids on campus on weekends because of tailgating and having fun at the games.

How do you think having a football team will affect other Clarke sports teams?

I think Clarke is going to have to create a bigger weight room since the football team is coming.

I don't think a football team would affect other sports because I am guessing they will get their own practice facility.

It will be difficult to arrange weights and practice since every Clarke team uses the same gym and weight room.

I don't believe it will affect other sports teams because other sports teams have a specific fan base.

What's the best thing that will come out of having a football team?

Football pants.

Students will have more activities to do; there will be a more diverse student body.

Football will bring in more student athletes.

Clarke will make more money.

What's the worst thing that might come out of having a football team?

A con would be trying to fit everyone in such a small area since Clarke isn't very big. The weight room, would be difficult.

That the football team will be bad and become a disappointment and will embarrass the school if they don't win games.

Clarke would lose its undefeated record.

Clarke will have a lot of football players who are big people.

On Other Campuses

Jenica Rubner
Staff Writer

App Tells Parents if Students Go to Class

College is a time when going to class is seen as optional to many students, and they have no one to tell them they have to. That might change.

An app developed by Core Principle, Inc. called Core 120 allows parents and professors to track whether or not students are attending the classes. The app's purpose is to save families money.

Students waste 31 million dollars on classes they don't attend, according to Jeff Whorely, Core Principle's Founder and chief executive. He also says that students don't attend 20 percent of classes throughout their college careers.

The app notifies parents, professors, and college administrators if the student is not in class. It will also notify the student that they missed a lesson.

Right now the app is live and costs \$17.99 a month or \$199 a year.

—Huffington Post

Ex-University of North Carolina Athletes Sue School

Former University of North Carolina athletes have sued the school and the NCAA for not providing a quality education for athletes. Rashanda McCants, a women's

basketball player, and former football player Devon Ramsay filed the suit in Durham County court. It is one of two that have come up in an academic fraud scandal at UNC.

The lawsuit seeks damages as well as the creation of a commission to review and report on academic integrity.

"The NCAA sat idly, permitting big-time college sports programs to operate as diploma mills that compromise educational opportunities and the future job prospects of student-athletes for the sake of wins and revenues," the lawsuit states.

The NCAA has reopened an investigation of academic misconduct at UNC.

—College News

Wesleyan President Asks Students to Turn Classmates in For Drug Abuse

Wesleyan University's president is encouraging students to turn in fellow students they may suspect are selling drugs, particularly the drug known as Molly.

This sudden push is likely prompted by 10 students being hospitalized after taking Molly before attending a concert. Several of them were in serious or critical condition.

President Michael Roth

said in a letter to the campus that if anyone knew of anyone distributing these drugs to let someone know.

Profs Resign Following Falsified Reports to Ranking Agencies

A second professor from the business department at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has resigned after an audit showed that the department falsified information when applying for awards and rankings. His former supervisor resigned earlier.

Beatles Historian? Site Names Top 7 Weird Majors

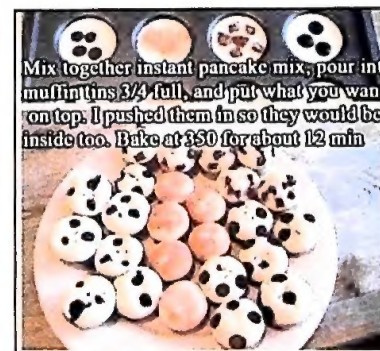
- 1.) Major: Basket Weaving
Where: Goucher College
- 2.) Major: Cannabis Cultivation
Where: Oaksterdam University
- 3.) Major: Bagpiping
Where: Carnegie Mellon University
- 4.) Major: Professional Nanny
Where: Sullivan University
- 5.) Major: Packaging
Where: Michigan State University
- 6.) Major: Decision Sciences
Where: Indiana University
- 7.) Major: Beatles Historian
Where: Master's Degree offered at Liverpool Hope University

—College News

One last thing...

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?

Jayson Hinrichsen
Staff Writer



Caleb Wragge junior, elementary education, took a screenshot of a recipe.



Kiaree Tekra, senior business major, took a selfie on the team bus after a win.